GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3423
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2003
ACCIDENTS AT RAILWAY CROSSING AT VIKHROLI AND PROPOSAL FOR ROB
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways has taken note of recent Railway accident at Vikhroli, Mumbai at Railway Crossing;

(b) whether a local train and a truck collided at the crossing

(c) if so, the details about the accident alongwith reasons;

(d) the steps taken/ to be taken to avoid such accidents in future;

(e) whether there is any proposal for ROB at that junction which is delayed since long;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (g) : A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3423 BY SHRI KIRIT SOMAIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.03.2003 REGARDING ACCIDENTS AT RAILWAY CROSSING AT VIKHROLI AND PROPOSAL FOR ROB.

(a) to (c): Yes,Sir. There was no train accident at Vikhroli, Mumbai on Central Railway at Railway crossing. However, there were two unusual incidents only, which are as under :

(i) On 15.1.2003 one truck was parked parallel to the Up local line inside the level crossing at Vikhroli station at km 22.85 for unloading platform shed materials and 1020 Up was passed on Up local line after closing the level crossing gate. There was no dashing against the train but the movement was unsafe.

(ii) On 5.2.2003 one truck infringed the down local line between Ghatkopar and Vikhroli stations at km 20/2 and dashed against the side of Dn Titwala-23 EMU train . However, there was no injury to any passenger and the train crew.

(d): In order to prevent such unusual occurrences, following measures have been taken :

(i) Train drivers whistle continuously while approaching level crossings to alert the road users.

(ii) Road users are regularly educated through media publicity for taking necessary precautions .

(iii) Ambush checks are conducted by officers and supervisors to check the alertness of road users and train drivers at level crossing gates.

(e) to (g): There is a proposal for Road over bridge(ROB) at Vikhroli.The work of Road over bridge was sponsored by Briham Mumbai Municipal Corporation on costsharing basis. This work is sanctioned under Works Programme 2001-2002. Permission has been given to execute the work of road over bridge and the Corporation has appointed Mumbai Metropolitan Regional Development Authority as consultant to prepare plan and estimate of the above work.